I.C.P.O. Bulletin

22-29 April 2011

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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (22-29 April 2011)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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22/04/2011: Special event station 8J140DX is currently active until 30th September 2011 to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Chichibu Yamanami Kaido (or Chichibu Mountain Range Road), aka Route 140 Minano-Yorii Tollway. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

22/04/2011: Francois, ON4LO, will be active on 40-10 metre SSB as F/ON4LO/p between 22nd April and 4th June 2011. He plans to operate from a few lighthouses during his trip. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

22/04/2011: Christophe, F4AQG, will be active on 22 April 2011 as homecall/p from the Castle of the Boyer (DFCF - New One!, WW Loc. JN23QN), located in the commune of Eguilles (CP 13510), canton [county] Aix en Provence Sud Ouest (DDCF 13-02), Department Bouches du Rhone/13 and Provence Cote d'Azur (DPF 20). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F4AQG]

22/04/2011: Ben, DO1BEN and Barbara, DO1IQ will be active as OZ/homecalls from Lolland Island (IOTA EU-029, DIA SJ-015, WLOTA 2773, WW Loc. JO54QV) on 22-29th of April 2011. QRV on 80-10m using SSB and sometimes in Digimodes (PSK31/RTTY). QSL via home calls, bureau or direct. Website: www.do1ben.de/ [rsgbiota.org]

22/04/2011: Hans, SM6CVX, (and Stig) will activate Misima Island (IOTA OC-117, Grid Loc. QH69), Louisiade Archipelago, on 22-25th April; and Loloata Island (IOTA OC-240, Grid Loc. QI30) on 25-27th April, using the callsign P29VCX. QSL P29VCX via SM6CVX. Further info can be found on their website at: p29ni.weebly.com/ [islandchaser.com]

23/04/2011: Look for Masa, JH4VUC, to be active as T88VU from the Palau Islands (IOTA OC-009, Grid Loc. PJ77) on 23-25 April 2011. QRV on 40, 15, 10 and 6 metres, 500W SSB only. QSL via home call. [AT International]

24/04/2011: Gerd, DL5AWI, will activate several German castles as DL5AWI/m from 24-25th April 2011. 24th April from about 0800 UTC from castle Wilhelmsthal (WCA DL-01484 THB-190 DLFF-128, WW Loc. JO50CN) and later from Scharfenberg (WCA DL-01452 THB-158 DLFF-128, WW Loc. JO50EW) and later from castle Fischbach (WCA DL-01495 THB-201 DLFF-128, WW Loc. JO50BP). 25th April from about 0800 UTC from castle Bischofroda (WCA DL-01358 THB-064 DLFF-053, WW Loc. JO51EB) and later from fortress Haineck (WCA DL-01395 THB-101 DLFF-053, WW Loc. JO51DC) and later from fortress Normannstein (WCA DL-01383 THB-090 DLFF-053, WW Loc. JO51CD). QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [COTA]

25/04/2011: Yuris, YL2GM, plans to be active from Azerbaijan as 4K3AC between 25 April and 3 May 2011. QRV on all HF bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY with 100 Watts. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

25/04/2011: Leo, S50R, plans to activate the island of Lastovo (IOTA EU-016, ACIA IC-869, CIA-23, IOCA CI-051, MIA MC-196, WLOTA 0815) as 9A/S50R

from 25-30 April 2011. Look for activity on the HF bands, on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

25/04/2011: Mirek, VK6DXI will be active as 9M8DX/2 from Kuala Lumpur, West Malaysia, on 25-30 April 2011. This will a business trip, with some CW activity during the local evening hours. QSL via SP5UAF. [425 DX News]

26/04/2011: Andrew, KD5ZZK, will be active on 26 April 2011 as homecall/p from Magazine Mountain (SOTA W5/MA-001, 839m, 2 points, WW Loc. EM35EE), Ozark National Forest State Park, Logan County, State of Arkansas. He will be QRV on 14.285 USB, 50.125 USB and 144.200 USB, starting about 1500z. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [N8OFS]

26/04/2011: Tom, M1EYP, will be active on 26 April 2011 (1900z-2130z) as homecall/p from The Cloud (SOTA G/SP-015, 343m, 1 point, WW Loc. IO83WE), Southern Pennines region, England (IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841). QRV 50 MHz only, using CW, SSB and FM modes. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [SOTA Alert]

26/04/2011: Graham MM0GHM, Gordon MM0GOR and Mark M0UTD will be active as MS0KLR from the isle of Muck (IOSA NH06, SCOTIA DI18), Inner Hebrides (IOTA EU-008), on 16-19th April 2011. QRV on all HF bands. QSL via the bureau to MM0KLR, or direct to MM0GHM. Website: qrz.com/db/MS0KLR [rsgbiota.org]

26/04/2011: Mitko, LZ1UQ and Andy, LZ2HM will be active from Albania between 26th April and 5th May 2011 as ZA/homecalls. QRV CW, SSB, RTTY on the HF bands + 6 metre activity (Grid Loc. JN91). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

27/04/2011: First Canadian WFF Activation - Phil, VE1WT, with his new call VE1WFF will activate the Kejimkujik National Park and National Historic Site (WFF VEFF-0042), Province of Nova Scotia, from 27-29th April 2011. Assisting will be Art, VE1ART and Layton, VE1MT. Equipment will be FT920 with ham sticks for 40, 20 and 15 metre SSB, with a possibility of 30 metre CW. QSL to VE1WT via the bureau or direct. Keep in mind postage to USA is $1.18 and foreign is $2.00; insuffient postage results in bureau return. US postage does not work here. Log will be uploaded to WFF. [VE1WT]

27/04/2011: Vincent, F4BKV, will be casually active from Hong Kong as VR2/F4BKV starting on 27th April until 6th May 2011. Between 7-9th May he will be active as YB9/F4BKV from the island of Bali (IOTA OC-022, WLOTA 2589). Both operations will be low power (100W) SSB and Digital modes. QSL via home call. Further information, log and online QSL request system at: www.f4bkv.net/ [dx-world.net]

28/04/2011: Kees PE1KL and Lisa PA2LS will be active as 9G5LK from a local clay beach house located near the village of Ampenyi, close to Cape Coast and Elmina, Ghana, between 28th of April and 6th of May 2011. QRV on 80-10 metres using SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL via PA2LS. An award is available for working them. All you need is 2 QSOs with 9G5LK on 2 different bands or 2 different modes. Website: www.pe1kl-pa2ls.com/ [OPDX Bulletin]

28/04/2011: Members of the GMDX group plan to be active from Lunga Island, Treshnish Isles (IOTA EU-108, IOSA NH17, SCOTIA DI09), as GB5TI between 28 April and 1 May 2011. Plans are to be QRV on 80-100m CW/SSB, RTTY. QSL via MM0BQI. [dx-world.net]

29/04/2011: Junior, PY2ZA, will be active as PP0T from Trindade Island (IOTA SA-010, DIB OC-02, WFF PYFF-065, WLOTA 2851, Grid Loc. HG59) from 29 April to June 2011. The Brazilian Navy has re-scheduled their journey to Trindade for 25 April 2011, with arrival expected four days later. QRV on all HF bands, plus 6 metres, using SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK and maybe SSTV. QSL via EB7DX. Website: trindade2011.com/ [dx-world.net]

29/04/2011: A group of enthusiastic Mexican ham radio operators, Ismael XE1AY, Gustavo XE1KKK, Francisco Javier XE1P, Ricardo XE1RZL, Ricardo Raymundo XE1SOV, Fernando XE1VGC, Jose XE1UYU, Martin XE1UZH, Modesto XE1UZU, Juan Manuel XE2IA, Jose XE2IVG and Ricardo XE3NMC will be active from Isla de Lobos (IOTA NA-221, WW Loc. EL11JK), Veracruz State, between 29th April and 1st May 2011. They will also activate the Lobos Island lighthouse (ARLHS MEX-035, TWLHD WLH XE-016, WLOTA 0920). QRV on all HF bands, plus 6 metres and AO27, AO51 and SO50 Satellites. Modes: CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via XE1AY. Website: xf2p.puebladx.org/XF2P/Bienvenida.html

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LOOKING AHEAD -

30/04/2011: Andrea, IZ2LSC, plans to be active as 3A/IZ2LSC from the Principality of Monaco during the weekend of 30th April to 1st May 2011. He will use a light multiband vertical antenna and 100W. Andrea will try to operate on 40-10m in SSB and CW. Because he is a beginner in CW be patient and please QRS. QSL via home call, bureau preferred, or LoTW. You can follow Andrea on twitter: @iz2lsc [dx-world.net]

30/04/2011: The Cork Radio Club will operate for International Marconi Day on 30th April 2011 from the original Marconi Site at Brow Head, near Crookhaven in County Cork, using the callsign EI5IMD. This will be a field day type operation with our masts on the original Marconi mast bases. The station will celebrate the 110th anniversary of Marconi setting up his station on Brow Head and the reception of strong signals from Poldhu in Cornwall which reassured Marconi that bridging the Atlantic with radio waves was possible. Prior to this it was thought that radio waves travelled in straight lines only. The station will be active on all bands both on CW and SSB. QSL via EI9FBB, bureau or direct. [Southgate ARC]

30/04/2011: The Norfolk Amateur Radio Club will be participating once again in International Marconi Day (IMD) on Saturday 30th April 2011 with GB0CMS, an award station at Caister Lifeboat Visitor Centre. GB0CMS commemorates the village's original Marconi Station, which was established at Caister in 1900. The station's original purpose was to communicate with ships in the North Sea and the Cross Sands lightship. They will run two stations - one on 80/40m and the other on 20/15/10m, CW and SSB. Website: www.qsl.net/gb0cms/ [Southgate ARC]

01/05/2011: The 60th Suigo Itako Ayame Matsuri (or Water District Itako(-city) Iris Festival) will be celebrated with special event station 8J1ITAKO between 1st May and 26 June 2011. Itako is a city located in Ibaraki prefecture, Kanto region, island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/05/2011: Look for special event station 8J1ITU to be active during the entire month of May 2011, to celebrate the 43rd World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD). The WTISD was established to commemorate both the foundation on 17 May 1865 of the International Telegraph Union, which was the predecessor of the ITU, and the World Summit on the Information Society held in 2003 and 2005. Every year, ITU-AJ holds a ceremony to celebrate this anniversary. ITU Website:

http://www.itu.int/wtisd/ Organizer: The ITU Association of Japan, Inc. (www.ituaj.jp/english/index.html). [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

26/05/2011: Special event station 8J9DST will be active from 26th May to 24th July 2011 for "Digital Support Toyama". Viewer support activities for the digital television conversion in Toyama prefecture, island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

31/05/2011: Giorgio, IZ4AKS, will be active holiday style as 5R8KS from Nosy Be Island (IOTA AF-057, WLOTA 3042), Madagascar, between 31st May and 6th June 2011. QRV on 40-10 metres. QSL via IZ8IYX, direct (Pasquale La Gamba - IZ8IYX, Via Affaccio 68, Vibo Valentia 89900, Italy). To avoid mistakes, please put in your envelope the QSL card for ONE DXpedition ONLY. Further information can be found at: www.dxcoffee.com/5r8ks/ [IZ8EDJ]

06/06/2011: Look for Alex, DL1KD, to be active as PA/DL1KD from Texel Island (IOTA EU-038, WLOTA 0043) from 6-20th June 2011. QRV on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

23/07/2011: Dieter, DF2SD, will be vacationing on the island of Fano (IOTA EU-125, DIA NS-002) from 23 July to 2 August 2011. QRV holiday style on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metre SSB, including an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (30-31 July). A special QSL card in high quality will be printed. QSL via DF2SD, direct ($2, IRC + SAE), bureau and LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

30/07/2011: The Lanarkshire Contest Group will be active as MM3T during the RSGB IOTA Contest (30-31 July) from the Isle of Bute (IOTA EU-123, IOSA CL02, SCOTIA CS19, WLOTA 1883), as a DXPedition, restricted, 12hr, CW entry. QRV on 80-10m using K2, 100 Watts and verticals. QSL only via eQSL. Website: freespace.virgin.net/douglas.maxwell/MM3T/mm3t.htm [rsgbiota.org]

13/08/2011: Hans, DK3PZ, will be active from Gotland Island (IOTA EU-020, WLOTA 2969) on 13-20th August 2011, using the callsign SM1/DK3PZ. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

22/04/2011: Special callsign R25CH will be activated on 22-29 April 2011 from seven districts in Bryansk area for the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. QSL via RW3YC. [425 DX News]

22/04/2011: In connection with 25th anniversary of the accident at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant radio amateurs from Ukrainian State Centre of Radio Frequencies together with a number of Ukrainian radio amateurs will operate from Chernobyl city in the period from 22 till 30 April 2011 using call sign EM25U. QSL via UT3UZ (Alex Arbuzov, P.O. Box 7, Kiev-232, 02232, Ukraine). [UT3UZ]

23/04/2011: GB2SWF will be celebrating the Speyside Whiskey Festival on 23rd and 24th of April 2011 from the Craigellachie distillery (WW Loc. IO87JL), in the heart of the Speyside whisky area, owned by John Dewar and Sons Limited. Operation will be on HF and 2m. No need to QSL them, but they will QSL you! More info at: www.qrz.com/db/GB2SWF [GB2RS]

24/04/2011: To commemorate the 95th anniversary of the Battle of Verdun, special event station TM95BV will be active on 24th April 2011 from the Fort of Froideterre (DFCF 55-004, WCA F-02346), Department Meuse/55 and Province Lorraine (DPF 14). QRV mainly on HF SSB, but they will try to be active on CW, Digital modes, VHF, etc. also. QSL via the bureau to F6KUP. QSL direct

only to F5LPY (SAE + postage). [radioamateur.org]

25/04/2011: Rockbeare Quarry in Devon hosts GB5RST for Rockbeare Shutter Telegraph from Monday 25th April until Saturday 30th April 2011. The operator for this event is John, M0XIG, and will be QRV from HF to 70cm. This operation counts for IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841, WAB SY09 and WW Loc. IO80hr. QSL via M0XIG, direct or bureau. SWL cards are welcome. [GB2RS]

28/04/2011: Look for special event callsigns 8J1VLP, 8J2VLP, 8J4VLP and 8J6VLP to be active from 28 April to 30 June 2011 to celebrate QRP Day. QSLs go via the JARL QSL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

29/04/2011: The Amateur Radio Section of ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) and the Documentary Archives Radio Communications/QSL Collection will operate, for only 72 hours, a special event station with the callsign OE11M between Friday, 29th April and Sunday, 1st May 2011 (0000-2400z). The OE11M is an official International Marconi Day station. Contacts made on Saturday, April 30th, are valid for the IMD Award. QSL via OE Bureau or direct to OE1WHC. Cards without SAE and (new!) IRC or green stamps to cover postage will be processed via the bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/04/2011: Operators Chris, M0DOL and Gary, M0NNH will be active as GB4RW on 29th April 2011, to celebrate the Royal Wedding of HRH Prince William of Wales and Miss Catherine Middleton. QSL via address/info on QRZ.com. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/04/2011: Special event station 8J6DON will be aired from 29 April to 5 May 2011 to celebrate the Hakata "Dontaku" Port Festival. (Dontaku: a Dutch word Zontag, meaning a holiday). Hakata is located in the Kyushu region, Fukuoka prefecture [Fukuoka-ken], island of Kyushu (IOTA AS-077, WLOTA 0963), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

29/04/2011: Special callsign 8N0UN will be active from 29 April to 31 July 2011 for the 23rd United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues in Matsumoto [JCC 0902], Chubu region, Nagano prefecture [Nagano-ken], island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

22/04-29/04 OZ/DO1BEN: Lolland Island WLOTA:2773 QSL HC (d/b)
22/04-29/04 OZ/DO1IQ: Lolland Island WLOTA:2773 QSL HC (d/b)
23/04-24/04 GB2SWF: Scotland (main island) WLOTA:1234 QSL Auto Buro
25/04-30/04 9A/S50R: Lastovo Island WLOTA:0815 QSL HC (d/b)
25/04-30/04 GB5RST: England (main island) WLOTA 1841 QSL M0XIG (d/b)
26/04-28/04 3D2AD: Viti Levu Island WLOTA:0055 QSL EA1IR (d/b)
26/04-28/04 3D2IR: Viti Levu Island WLOTA:0055 QSL EA1IR (d/b)
28/04-30/06 8J1VLP: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
28/04-30/06 8J2VLP: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
28/04-30/06 8J4VLP: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
28/04-30/06 8J6VLP: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
29/04-05/05 8J6DON: Kyushu Shima WLOTA:0963 QSL JARL Buro
29/04-01/05 KH8/EA1IR: Tutuila Island WLOTA:4385 QSL EA1IR (d/b)
29/04-01/05 KH8/N9YU: Tutuila Island WLOTA:4385 QSL EA1IR (d/b)
29/04-01/05 XF2P: Isla Lobos WLH:XE-016 WLOL:MEX-035 WLOTA:0920
Admiralty J4250 QSL XE1AY (d)
29/04-15/06 PP0T: Ilha da Trindade WLOTA:2851 QSL EB7DX (d/b)

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COUNTY HUNTING (USA-CA) -

KD0S - Jim - April 23 to April 24 - SSB and CW
I will be mobile during the South Dakota QSO party beginning 1700 utc on 23/04/2011 from Hughes county. Other counties on my planned trip will be: Stanley, Jones, Mellette, Todd, Trip, Lyman, Brule, Buffalo, and Hyde. I will be active on 6, 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80 meters. HF CW planned frequencies will be 40 Khz up. SSB will be around 28.455, 21.355, 14.255, 7.180, 3.855 +/-. If time permits I will expand my county list if possible. There will be other fixed and mobile operators from other SD counties on during this weekend as well if other counties are needed. [County Hunter Web]
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6 METRES & UP -

LYRID METEOR SHOWER: Earth is entering a stream of dusty debris from Comet Thatcher, source of the annual Lyrid meteor shower. Forecasters expect the shower to peak on April 22nd with as many as 20 meteors per hour, although visibility will be reduced by bright moonlight. The best time to look, no matter where you live, is Friday morning during the hours before local dawn. Visit spaceweather.com/ for live meteor counts and more information. [Space Weather News]

22/04-25/04 P29VCX: Misima Island OC-117 Grid:QH69 6m 100w QSL SM6CVX (d)
23/04-24/04 Memorial CT1WW Contest 6m-23cm Mix/FM/SSB & CW
23/04-24/04 GB2SWF: Speyside Whiskey Festival Grid:IO87 2m QSL Auto Buro
23/04-25/04 T88VU: Palau OC-009 Grid:PJ77 6m 500w SSB QSL JH4VUC (d/b)
25/04 IRTS 2 Metre Counties Contest 1400-1600 Local Time
25/04 NRAU Microwave Activity Contest 1700z-2100z
25/04-27/04 P29VCX: Loloata Island OC-240 Grid:QI30 6m 100w QSL SM6CVX (d)
26/04 LY 2.4GHz & Up Activity Contest 1700z-2059z
26/04 RSGB 50MHz UKAC 2000z-2230z
26/04 The 50MHz Open Cumulative 1700z-2100z
26/04 KD5ZZK/P: Magazine Mtn Grid:EM35 50.125 SSB QSL HC (d/b)
26/04 M1EYP/P: The Cloud Grid:IO83WE 6m CW/SSB/FM QSL HC (d/b)
26/04-05/05 ZA/LZ1UQ: Albania Grid:JN91 6m CW/SSB QSL HC (d/b)
26/04-05/05 ZA/LZ2HM: Albania Grid:JN91 6m CW/SSB QSL HC (d/b)
27/04 K9JK Spring Sprint 432 MHz (7pm to 11 pm LOCAL time)
29/04-01/05 XF2P: Isla de Lobos NA-221 Grid:EL11JK 6m + Sat QSL XE1AY (d)
29/04-15/06 PP0T: Trindade Island SA-010 Grid:HG59 6m QSL EB7DX (d/b)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_apr.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at: http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 11 April, 2011)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

As of April 18, 2011, Buzz (NI5DX) will no longer be assisting 9M6TMT as QSL manager. Tom has decided to handle the QSL duty himself, with assistance from his XYL. Please do NOT send any 9M6TMT cards to NI5DX either direct or via the bureau. [K1XN]

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:
ZD9AH - Tristan Da Cunha & Gough 2010 Operation
ZD9T - Tristan Da Cunha & Gough 2010-2011 Operation
If you had these operations rejected in a recent application send a note to dxcc at arrl.org to have your record updated. Note, due to extremely heavy e-mail DXCC may not respond to your message. Once updated, this will be reflected in your LoTW account or in the live, daily DXCC standings on the website. (www.arrl.org/dxcc).
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

The following operations in January and February 2011 have provided acceptable validation and are therefore approved for IOTA credit:
J5NAR/P (AF-093)
CE9/PA3EXX (SA-031 and SA-097)
CE9/VE3LYC/P (SA-031 and SA-097)

D2CQ logonline is updated until 18.April.2011
Visit http://algarvedx.com and click on the link near D2CQ QSL picture.
73's es DX - Algarve STAR DX Team

QSLs via Bureau: 3B9/G3TXF, 5R8GZ, 6Y8XF, 9J2FM, 9U2T, DA?HEL, DH8WLA/P, DL4FO/P, FH/G3TXF, FJ/G3TXF, FM/F2VX, HB?/DG5NFF, J88XF, VO1TA, YI9PT, YJ?MM, YS1G and ZX8C.

QSLs via Direct: 4Z5RT (QRZ.com), 5R8HL (SM1ALH), 5X?CW (DK7PE), 9Q5?ON (ON4BR), CS2C (OK1RF), J5NAR (HA?NAR), J6/VE3CZF (St. Lucia address), J8/W9DR (hc), KH?/G3ZEM (M?URS), PJ7E (N4XP), R1AND/AT1?BP (I1HYW), T88ZM (M?URS), TO3A (VE3EY), V51AS (DH5AS), VU2JBK/AT1? (I1HYW) and ZL8X (OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: 8P6DR, 9Q5?ON, AB7RW, AC6T, AE5GT, BG9TX, CN2MR, CU4/CT1FMX, CW5W, D4C, DA2MORSE, EF8R, HI3TEJ, HK1KYR, IZ5AXA, J6/VE3CZF, K4O, K4WI, K6XX, K7LFY, K7WP, KE?A, KH6CW, KH6LC, KP2B, LA6YEA, LN3Z, LP2F, LU1MA, LU5FZ, MU?FAL, N4CJ, N4GG, N5WX, N9RV, ND2T, NK7U, NX6T, OM2RA, OM3RKA, OX3XR, P4?L, PJ2/K2NV, PJ2/WI9WI, PJ2T, PJ4A, PJ5/K1XM, PJ5/SP6EQZ, PJ6A, PJ7E, PZ5P, PW7T, PY2SEX, RU?LL, S5?R, T94MZ, TO3A, UB?A, V25OP, V31JP, VA3AR, VE1OP, VE3JDF, VE3JM, VE3XN, VE7CFD, VK9NN, VP2MXF, VQ5D, VU2NKS, W4ATL, W6YI, WA?WWW, WP3A, WT7TT, XE7S and ZF2AM.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: wff44.com/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

ANNOUNCING THE IOTA 50TH ANNIVERSARY MARATHON,
1 JANUARY 2012 - 31 DECEMBER 2013

The year 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the launch of the Islands On The Air (IOTA) Programme by British SWL Geoff Watts, BRS-3129. As a build-up to our celebrations on this occasion, the RSGB IOTA Manager and Committee announce an exciting activity period in which all licensed amateurs world-wide are invited to participate.

For a two-year period during 2012 and 2013, IOTA chasers are encouraged to contact as many different IOTA groups as possible, and IOTA activators to play their part by operating from as many groups as possible, with special emphasis on the less-frequently activated ones. The points system adopted rewards 'Activators' with higher scores for activating the rarer IOTA groups. Certificates and awards will be available to both 'Chasers' and 'Activators' to reflect attainment of graduated bands of performance together with attractive prizes for top scorers.

The challenge provides a level playing field for everyone, whether they are complete newcomers to IOTA or are holders of the prestigious IOTA 1000 Islands Trophy, because everyone starts with a clean slate on 1 January 2012.

We hope that all our readers will consider ways in which they can support this event. We would like to see work starting now to schedule activity from as many IOTA groups as possible throughout the 24 months. Let us target 500 groups initially in the hope and expectation of being able to raise this higher as the Marathon progresses.

The full rules of the IOTA 50th Anniversary Marathon can be seen on G3KMA's website at www.g3kma.dsl.pipex.com/. They will be uploaded to the RSGB IOTA website at www.rsgbiota.org/ shortly when key personnel return from Visalia.

Joint Marathon Managers
- Roger Balister, G3KMA, RSGB IOTA Manager
- Steve Telenius-Lowe, 9M6DXX

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9N7DX - News from Dov ...
" dov 9n7dx now in the mountaine with his xyl and the israeli ambassy to nepal he will be back this sunday for full 6 days 24 activity until 01 may 2011.
any sked to dov at 9n7dx.com
log and fotos http://www.9n7dx.com/LOG.html "

CR6A - 17.April
As you know, the submerged forteress activity was postponed to August 2011 low tides.
On Saturday, team visited the forteress to see condition in loco. Wind around 30km/h!
On Sunday, wind on 50km/h was impossible travel and landing on the fortesses.
All team stay on HQ in Armona Island and setup one station on the island to make few contacts with our CR6A callsign. Atention: All CR6A QSO on April, 17th are not from submerged forteress, only from armona island.
Some pictures (only 4) from our stay on Armona Isl on http://algarvedx.com
Special thank's to CT1EGW, Arlindo witch traveling 300km to join the activity with us.
73's
Algarve STAR DX Team
http://algarvedx.com/

Chris, ZS6RI will be active from Zambia as 9J2RI for a year or two on a 6 week on / 6 week off work schedule, ie - he?ll be in Zambia for six weeks, then home to South Africa for 6 weeks.

LOTW will be uploaded at least once every 6 week rotation, and probably even weekly. Bureau cards will be sent annually. [dx-world.net]

You can read the T30RH & T30AQ Western Kiribati DXpedition Story in DX ACTIVITIES on http://www.dxitalia.it/
Special TNX to Jacek, SP5DRH. [IZ8EDJ]

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